

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph starting at page 9, line 8 as follows:

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The detection and comparison acts at 208 and 210 may be performed in one of several ways. In one embodiment, a fixed number of bits in the pilot channel may be observed in a given time interval. The BER is then computed for that time window. The storage register 122 that records the result of a prior comparison may be cleared in preparation for the accumulation of bit errors in a disjoint time window. In another embodiment, a "sliding window" may be used in which the last N bits (samples) in the pilot channel are stored and the BER is updated with the arrival of each new pilot bit measurement. In further embodiments, other methods may be used to derive the BER from the sequence of pilot bit errors.